

## **REMARKS**

These amendments were made to clarify the tiered-approach to accessing shared stored data, where the table that is used to decrypt the encrypted set of data is itself encrypted and must be decrypted using a token that is presented by a user, and such tiered decryption is used in combination with user authentication. None of the previously cited references teach or otherwise contemplate such tiered encryption/decryption and user authentication methodology, which advantageously improves system security in an environment where multiple users can uniquely access data on a shared system in varying degrees of scope-access.

No new matter has been added by these amendments. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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